



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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### COLONEL BRIAN D. MAAS

Colonel Brian D. Maas is the commander of the 354th Operations Group, 354th Fighter Wing, Eielson AFB, Alaska. The 354th OG is comprised of four squadrons, which provide night vision goggle-equipped A/O A-10s, LANTIRN-equipped F-16s, tactical air control, and operations support. The 354th OG is tasked to provide trained and equipped air forces for close air support, air interdiction and offensive counter air.

Colonel Maas graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June 1983. Following Undergraduate Pilot Training, Lead-In Fighter Training and A-10 Replacement Training, Colonel Maas was stationed at Suwon AB, Republic of Korea, from May 1986 to May 1987. After Suwon, he spent four years flying A-10s at Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C. During this tour, Colonel Maas attended the USAF Fighter Weapons School and graduated in April 1989. Colonel Maas deployed with the 354th Tactical Fighter Wing for DESERT SHIELD, and then was transferred to RAF Bentwaters, United Kingdom, in October 1990.



During this tour, he flew in support of DESERT STORM and PROVIDE COMFORT. In April 1992, Colonel Maas moved to Nellis AFB, NV, and began a four-year tour as an instructor at the USAF Weapons School where he was selected as the Instructor of the Year, A-10 Division, three years running. Colonel Maas left Nellis AFB in June 1996 to attend the Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS. After graduation in June 1997, Colonel Maas remained to Fort Leavenworth as a staff officer to Headquarters Air Force Doctrine Center as principal air advisor to the Commanding General, Deputy Commanding Generals, and key staff of the U.S. Army's Combined Arms Center and the Director, Training and Doctrine Command Analysis Center. Here he deployed in support of air operations over Kosovo. In September 1999, Colonel Maas was assigned as Assistant Director of Operations, 354th Fighter Squadron at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. In April 2000, Colonel Maas was reassigned as Director of Operations, 358th Fighter Squadron. From January to February, Colonel Maas served as Deputy Commander for Operations, 355th Logistics Group, before assuming command of the 357th Fighter Squadron in February 2001. In July 2002, Colonel Maas returned to Nellis AFB as Deputy Commandant, USAF Weapons School. In August 2005, Colonel Maas attended the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA.

Colonel Maas is a command pilot with over 3,800 hours, 3,650 of which are in the A-10. He is married to the former Miss Donna Duckett of Myrtle Beach, S.C. They have three sons; Jason (26), Daniel (14) and Nicholas (11).

### **EDUCATION:**

1983 Bachelor of Science degree, Physics, United States Air Force Academy  
1986 Squadron Officers School, (Distinguished Graduate)

1989 USAF Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, A-10  
1995 Masters of Aeronautical Sciences, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
1997 Command and General Staff College, United States Army, Fort Leavenworth, KS  
1998 Joint Air Operations Staff Course, Hurlburt Field, FL  
2003 Air War College (Non-residence), Maxwell AFB, AL

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Aug 1983-Aug 1984, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, 64th Student Squadron, Reese AFB, TX
- Aug 1984-Dec 1984, Student, Lead-In Fighter Training, 436th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Holloman AFB, N.M.
- Dec 1984-Apr 1985, Student, A-10 Replacement Training Unit, 358th Tactical Fighter Training Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
- May 1985-May 1986, Life Support Officer, 25th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Suwon AB, Republic of Korea
- Jun 1986-Jul 1986, Student, Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL.
- Jul 1986-Oct 1990, Chief, Wing Tactics, Standardization and Evaluation Flight Examiner, 354th Tactical Fighter Wing; Weapons Officer, Standardization and Evaluation Officer, Life Support Officer, 356th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.
- Oct 1990-Apr 1992, Chief, Wing Weapons and Tactics, 81st Tactical Fighter Wing; Assistant Operations Officer, 92nd Tactical Fighter Squadron; Weapons Officer, 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron, RAF Bentwaters, United Kingdom
- Apr 1992-Jun 1993, Flight Safety Officer, 57th Wing; Instructor Pilot, USAF Fighter Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV.
- Jun 1993-Jun 1996, Assistant Operations Officer, Flight Commander, Instructor Pilot, A-10 Division, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV.
- Jun 1996-Jun 1997, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS.
- Jun 1997 – Sep 1999, Chief, Air Operations, Battle Command and Training Program Operations Group A, HQ Air Force Doctrine Center, Operating Location Fort Leavenworth, KS.
- Sep 1999 – Apr 2000, Assistant Director of Operations, 354th Fighter Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
- Apr 2000 – Jan 2001, Director of Operations, 358th Fighter Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
- Jan 2001 – Feb 2001, Deputy Commander for Operations, 355th Logistics Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
- Feb 2001 – Jun 2002, Commander, 357th Fighter Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ.
- Jul 2002 – Jul 2005, Deputy Commandant, USAF Weapons School, Nellis AFB, NV; Instructor Pilot, 57th Wing, 66th Weapons Squadron.
- Aug 2005 – Jun 2006, Student, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA.
- June 2006 to present, Commander, 354th Operations Group, Eielson AFB, Alaska.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot  
Flight Hours: 3891  
Aircraft Flown: A-10 (3650 Hours)

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal  
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters  
Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
National Defense Service Medal with one device  
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two devices  
Kuwait Liberation Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	June 1, 1983
First Lieutenant	June 1, 1985
Captain	June 1, 1987
Major	March 1, 1995
Lieutenant Colonel	Oct. 1, 1999
Colonel	Oct. 1, 2005

(Current as of 10 July 2006)